

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A raisable window treatment sized to fit substantially over a window opening, the window treatment capable of being vertically raised or lowered, the window treatment comprising an upper portion, a lower portion, and a pair of lateral edges extending therebetween, the window treatment comprising:

(i) multiple rows of ties and one row of openings for vertically raising the entire bottom portion of the window treatment and removably securing said portion of the window treatment in a raised position while the window treatment is positioned over the window opening;

(ii) the multiple rows of ties extend horizontally along a portion of the window treatment and are affixed to the window treatment; at least one row of ties extends along the lower portion of the window treatment; at least one tie of each row of ties located proximate to one of the lateral edges of the window treatment;

(iii) the one row of openings is positioned along ~~[[an]]~~ the upper portion of the window treatment and positioned above each row of ties; at least one opening of the row of openings located proximate to one of the lateral edges of the window treatment;

(iv) the openings in the one row of openings are adapted for receiving the ties therethrough for fastening the ties to the openings; each of the openings of the one row of openings is aligned along a common vertical axis with a respective tie of each of the multiple rows of ties;

(v) the window treatment is in a raised position when at least one row of ties is fastened to the one row of openings, thereby causing the lower portion between the lateral edges of the window treatment to be vertically raised to a horizontal position and removably secured in the raised position while the window treatment is positioned over the window opening;

(vi) the fastening of at least one row of ties to the row of openings is the only manner by which the lower portion of the window treatment is vertically ~~horizontally~~ raised and removably secured in a raised position while the window treatment is positioned over the window opening; and

(vii) a sleeve positioned at or near the top of the panel, wherein the sleeve comprises one or more sections extending laterally along at or near the top of the panel to enable insertion of a rod through the sleeve for installing and suspending the panel.

2. (Previously Presented) The window treatment of claim 1, wherein the row of openings is a row of grommets.

3. (Previously Presented) The window treatment of claim 1, wherein the multiple rows of ties are arranged horizontally at a location which is about 0.1 to about 12 inches from the top edge of the window treatment.

4. (Previously Presented) The window treatment of claim 1, wherein the sleeve comprises a tab top suspending sleeve for suspending the window treatment in front of the window opening.

5. (Previously Presented) The window treatment of claim 1, wherein the rows of openings; and the multiple rows of ties are arranged to provide a window treatment having folded sections of substantially equal size when the window treatment is in the raised position.

6. (Currently Amended) A raisable window treatment sized to fit substantially over a window opening, the window treatment capable of being vertically raised or lowered, the window treatment comprising an upper portion, a lower portion, and a pair of lateral edges extending therebetween, the window treatment comprising:

(i) multiple rows of openings and one row of ties for vertically raising the entire bottom portion of the window treatment and removably securing said portion of the window treatment in a raised position while the window treatment is positioned over the window opening;

(ii) the multiple rows of openings extend horizontally along the a lower portion of the window treatment and are affixed to the window treatment; at least one row of openings extends along the lower portion of the window treatment; at least one opening of each row of

openings located proximate to one of the lateral edges of the window treatment;

(iii) the one row of ties is positioned along ~~[[an]]~~ the upper portion of the window treatment and positioned above each row of openings; at least one tie of the row of ties located proximate to one of the lateral edges of the window treatment;

(iv) the openings in the multiple row of openings are adapted for receiving the ties therethrough for fastening the ties to the openings; each of the ties of the one row of ties is aligned along a common vertical axis with a respective opening of each of the multiple rows of openings;

(v) the window treatment is in a raised position when at least one row of openings is fastened to the row of ties, thereby causing the lower portion between the lateral edges of the window treatment to be vertically raised to a horizontal position and removably secured in the raised position while the window treatment is positioned over the window opening;

(vi) the fastening of the one row of ties to at least one row of openings is the only manner by which the lower portion of the window treatment is vertically horizontally raised and removably secured in a raised position while the window treatment is positioned over the window opening; and

(vii) a sleeve positioned at or near the top of the panel, wherein the sleeve comprises one or more sections extending laterally along at or near the top of the panel to enable insertion of a rod through the sleeve for installing and suspending the panel.

7. (Previously Presented) The window treatment of claim 1, wherein the multiple rows of openings are rows of grommets.

8. (Currently Amended) A raisable window treatment sized to fit substantially over a window opening, the window treatment capable of being vertically raised or lowered, the window treatment comprising an upper edge, a lower edge, and a pair of lateral edges extending therebetween, the window treatment comprising:

i. a single row of ties and three rows of openings for removably securing at least a portion of the window treatment in a raised position while the window treatment is positioned over the window opening;

ii. the row of ties is affixed to the window treatment along ~~[[an]] the upper edge portion~~ of the window treatment; the row of ties extending horizontally across the upper edge portion of the window treatment;

iii. the three rows of openings are positioned below the row of ties such that each opening of the three rows of openings is positioned below each of the ties of the single row of ties; each row of openings extends horizontally across the window treatment, and each row of openings is spaced apart from the other rows of openings; at least one row of openings of the three rows of openings is positioned proximate to the lower edge of the window treatment;

iv. each of the openings in three rows of openings ~~[[are]]~~ is adapted for receiving ~~[[the]]~~ respective ties from the row of ties therethrough for fastening the ties to the openings;

v. the window treatment is in a raised position when the row of ~~at least three~~ ties is fastened to the first, second or third row of openings, thereby causing ~~[[a]]~~ the lower edge portion of the window treatment to be vertically raised and removably secured in the raised position while the window treatment is positioned over the window opening;

vi. the fastening of the row of ties to the first, second or third row of openings is the only manner by which the lower edge portion of the window treatment is horizontally raised and removably secured in a raised position while the window treatment is positioned over the window opening; and

vii. a sleeve positioned at or near the top of the panel, wherein the sleeve comprises one or more sections extending laterally along at or near the top of the panel to enable insertion of a rod through the sleeve for installing and suspending the panel.

9. (Original) The window treatment of claim 1, wherein the three rows of openings are a rows of grommets.

10. (Currently Amended) A raisable window treatment sized to fit substantially over a window opening, the window treatment capable of being vertically raised or lowered, the window treatment comprising an upper edge, a lower edge, and a pair of lateral edges extending therebetween, the window treatment comprising:

i. a single row of openings and three rows of ties for vertically raising a lower portion of the window treatment and removably securing said portion of the window treatment in a raised position while the window treatment is positioned over the window opening;

ii. the row of openings is affixed to the window treatment along [[an]] the upper edge portion of the window treatment; the row of openings extending horizontally across the window treatment;

iii. the three rows of ties are positioned below the row of openings such that each tie of the three rows of ties is positioned below each of the openings of the single row of openings; each row of ties extending horizontally across the window treatment and each row of ties is spaced apart from the other row of ties; at least one row of ties of the three rows of ties is positioned proximate to the lower edge of the window treatment;

iv. each of the openings in the row rows of openings [[are]] is adapted for receiving [[the]] respective ties from each row of the three rows of ties therethrough for fastening the ties to the openings;

v. the window treatment is in a raised position when the first, second or third row of ties is fastened to the row of openings, thereby causing [[a]] the lower edge portion of the window treatment to be vertically raised and removably secured in the raised position while the window treatment is positioned over the window opening;

vi. the fastening of the first, second or third row of ties to the one row of openings is the only manner by which the lower edge portion of the window treatment is removably secured in a raised position while the window treatment is positioned over the window opening; and

vii. a sleeve positioned at or near the top of the panel, wherein the sleeve comprises one or more sections extending laterally along at or near the top of the panel to enable insertion of a rod through the sleeve for installing and suspending the panel.

11. (Original) The window treatment of claim 1, wherein the row of openings is a row of grommets.

12. (Original) The window treatment of claims 8, wherein the at least one row of ties is arranged horizontally at a location which is about 0.1 to about 12 inches from the top edge of the window treatment.

13. (Previously Presented) The window treatment of claim 6, wherein the sleeve comprises a tab top suspending sleeve for suspending the window treatment in front of the window opening.

14. (Previously Presented) The window treatment of claim 8, wherein the sleeve comprises a tab top suspending the window treatment in front of the window opening.

15. (Previously Presented) The window treatment of claim 10, wherein the sleeve comprises a tab top suspending sleeve for suspending the window treatment in front of the window opening.

16. (Original) The window treatment of claim 8, wherein the three rows of openings are arranged to provide a window treatment having folded sections of substantially equal size when the window treatment is in the raised position.

17. (Previously Presented) The window treatment of claim 8, wherein the three rows of openings are positioned to permit the portion of the window treatment to be raised at three different heights relative to the top of the window treatment when the first, second or third row of openings is fastened to the row of ties.

18. (Previously Presented) The window treatment of claim 10, wherein the three rows of ties are positioned along the window treatment to permit the portion of the window treatment to be vertically raised at three different heights relative to the top of the window treatment when the first, second or third row of ties is fastened to the row of openings.

19. (Previously Presented) The window treatment of claim 8, wherein each of the ties of the single row of ties is aligned along a common vertical axis with a respective opening of each of the three rows of openings.

20. (Previously Presented) The window treatment of claim 10, wherein each of the openings of the single row of openings is aligned along a common vertical axis with a respective tie of each of the three rows of ties.